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Introduction

In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

All praise is due to Allah, and may His peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah.

This booklet provides a brief definition of the meanings of Allah's Beautiful Names, along with textual evidence from the Qur'an or the Prophet's *Sunnah* (tradition). For more information you can visit the accompanying website: www.allahsnames.net

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الله
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Allah,

Glorified and Exalted Be He

Meaning: The word 'Allah', the proper name of God, indicates that Allah is the true God who alone deserves to be worshipped, whom all creatures worship out of love, praise His greatness, revere Him and turn to Him in times of need and adversity. In fact, this name comprises all the meanings of His beautiful names.

Occurrence: 2724 times.

Evidence: "Surely I am Allah, there is no god but I; therefore, worship Me and keep up prayer for My remembrance." (*Surat Taa Haa, 20:14*)

الرَّبُّ

Ar-Rabb

The Lord

Meaning: He is the creator, the owner and disposer of all affairs who bestows His blessings upon His creatures and looks after His righteous servants by setting their hearts aright. This name must not be attributed to other than Allah, Exalted be He. However, when used to refer to other than Allah, it is always used in the genitive case, to mean 'the owner or proprietor of something', such as *rabb al-'usrah*; that is, the head of the family.

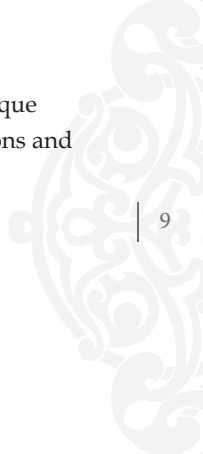
Occurrence: 900 times.

Evidence: "All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the worlds." (*Surat Al-Faatihah*: 1:2)

الوَاحِدُ الْأَحَدُ

Al-Waahid, Al-Ahad

The Only One, the One and Only



Meaning: He is, and has always been, one, without anyone else with Him. He is unique and there is no one like Him in His being, just as He is unique in His attributes, actions and Lordship. He is the only One who deserves to be worshipped.

Occurrence: *Al-Waahid*: 22 times; *Al-Ahad*: once.

Evidence: “He is the One, the Supreme and Irresistible.” (*Surat Ar-Ra’d*, 13:16);

“Say, ‘He is Allah, the One and Only.’” (*Surat Al-Ikhlaas*, 112:1)

الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

Ar-Rahmaan, Ar-Raheem
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Meaning: These two names indicate **(a)** Allah's comprehensive mercy which He shows to all His creation without exception by creating them and providing for them, and **(b)** the particular mercy that He has exclusively for the believers, both in this life and in the hereafter.

Occurrence: *Ar-Rahmaan*: 57 times; *Ar-Raheem*: 123 times.

Evidence: "The Most Gracious has taught the Qur'an." (*Surat Ar-Rahmaan*, 55:1- 2)



Al-Hayy
The Ever-Living

Meaning: He is the One who will remain and will never die. His Life is perfect in every sense, which requires all perfect attributes and negates all their opposites in every sense. This perfect attribute requires that neither sleep nor slumber overtake Him.

Occurrence: 5 times.

Evidence: “Allah, there is no god by He, the Ever Living, the All-Sustainer..” (*Surat Al-Baqarah, 2:255*)

الْقَيُّوْمُ

Al-Qayyoom
The All-Sustainer

Meaning: He is the Self-Sufficient Master who is not in need of anyone; everything exists because of Him and everything other than Him needs Him and totally depends on Him.

Occurrence: 3 times.

Evidence: “Allah, there is no god by He, the Ever Living, the All-Sustainer..” (*Surat Al-Baqarah, 2:255*)

الأول الآخر

Al-Awwal, Al-Aakhir

The First, the Last

Meaning: *Al-Awwal* (The First): There was nothing before Him, and everything other than Him He brought into existence from absolutely nothing. *Al-Aakhir* (the Last): There is nothing after Him and, being Infinite, He will exist for all eternity.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: “He is the First and the Last, the Outward and the Inward; and He has full knowledge of all things.” (*Surat Al-Hadeed*, 57:3)

الظَّاهِرُ الْبَاطِنُ

Adh-Dhaahir, Al-Baatin
the Outward, the Inward

Meaning: *Adh-Dhaahir* (the Outward) is the Most Great who is above everything and nothing is above Him. *Al-Baatin* is the One who is nearest to everything and everyone due to His full awareness of all secrets, and what is yet more hidden.

Occurrence: Both names occur only once.

Evidence: “He is the First and the Last, the Outward and the Inward; and He has full knowledge of all things.” (*Surat Al-Hadeed*, 57:3)

الوارث

Al-Waarith
The Inheritor

Meaning: The One who will ever remain after the creation perishes. He is the One who will repossess whatever He has granted them after their death. He is, and has always been, the owner of everything which He bequeaths to whomever He wills and gives to whomever He likes.

Occurrence: 3 times.

Evidence: “It is We who give life and cause to die, and We are the Inheritor.” (*Surat Al-Hijr, 15:23*)

الْقُدُّوسُ

Al-Quddoos

The Holy

Meaning: He is free of any imperfection, and evil is not attributed to Him, for all perfect and sublime attributes belong to Him.

Occurrence: twice.

Evidence: "...The Sovereign Lord, the Holy, the Exalted in Mighty, the All-Wise."

(Surat Al-Jumu`ah, 62:1)

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ
السُّبُّوحِ

As-Subbooh
The Supremely Glorified

Meaning: Allah is free of any imperfection and anything that does not befit His majesty and the One who has no partners. All creation glorifies and declares Him free of any imperfection due to His perfect and beautiful names and attributes.

Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*.

Evidence: 'Aa'ishah, may Allah be pleased with her, narrated that the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, used to say in his bowing and prostration while praying, *Subbuhun quddusun, rabb-ul-malaa'ikati warrooh* "[You are] the Supremely glorified, the Holy. [You are] the Lord of the angels and of Jibreel." (Reported by Muslim)



السلام

As-Salaam

The Flawless, the Source of Peace

Meaning: Allah is free of any imperfection in His Being, names, attributes and actions. He is also the One who grants peace and security to all his creation.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: “He is Allah; there is none worthy of worship except for Him; the Sovereign, the Holy, the Source of Peace, the Granter of Security...” (*Surat Al-Hashr, 59:23*)

المؤمن

Al-Mu'min

The Granter of Security

Meaning: Allah testifies to His Oneness and Unity with substantial evidence and confirms the truthfulness of His messengers and their followers. He is also the One who grants peace and security to His slaves, assuring them that He will not wrong them in any way and provides peace and security to His righteous servants. This is evident in the peace and tranquillity they find in their hearts, as well as the absence of fear when they turn to Him in this life, and the absence of which they will feel on the Day of Judgement, the Day of the Great Fear.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: "...The Holy, the Source of peace, the Granter of security, the Ever Watchful, the Almighty, the Compeller, the Supremely Great..." (*Surat Al-Hashr, 59:23*)



Al-Haqq
The Truth

Meaning: He is the One who truly exists and who is undeniably the Lord and King, the One who is perfect regarding His actions and attributes. His speech, His decree, His promise and His legislation is the truth.

Occurrence: 10 times.

Evidence: “Exalted be Allah, the True King. (*Surat Al-Mu’minoona*, 23:116)

الْمُتَكَبِّرُ

Al-Mutakabbir
The Supremely Proud

Meaning: He is the Supreme Being to whom supremacy belongs. He is exalted far above the attributes of His creation and destroys the tyrants among them. No one should be called by this name except Allah, Exalted and Glorified be He.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: "...The Almighty, the Compeller, the Supremely Great." (*Surat Al-Hashr, 59:23*)

الْعَظِيمُ

Al-'Adheem

The Tremendous, the Supreme in Glory

Meaning: This name comprises all attributes of greatness, majesty and glory. He is the Greatest and Tremendous in His Being, names and attributes, and thus none of His creation deserves to be exalted with the heart, the tongue and all body parts as He should be.

Occurrence: 9 times.

Evidence: “He is the Sublime, the Tremendous.” (*Surat Al-Baqarah*, 2:255)



Al-Kabeer
The Most Great

Meaning: He is the Magnificent, the Sublime and the Most Great in His Being, attributes and actions, and there is nothing greater than Him.

Occurrence: 6 times.

Evidence: “The Knower of the unseen and the visible, the Most Great, the High-Exalted.”

(Surat Ar-Ra’d, 13:9)

الْعَلِيِّ الْأَعْلَى الْمُتَعَالَى

Al-'Aliyy, Al-A'laa, Al-Muta'aal

The High, the Most High, the Exalted

Meaning: Allah has absolute highness in every sense above all else—highness with regard to His Being, majestic position, attributes and absolute dominance. He is high above His creation and everything and everyone is under His absolute control and superior authority.

Occurrence: *Al-‘Aliyy*: 8 times; *Al-A‘laa*: twice; *Al-Muta‘aal*: once

Evidence: “...He is the Most High, the Magnificent.” (*Surat Al-Baqarah*, 2:255); “Glorify the Name of your Lord, the Most High.” (*Surat Al-A‘laa*, 87:1); “He is the Knower of the unseen and the visible, the All-Great, the Exalted.” (*Surat Ar-Ra’d*, 13:9)

اللطيف

Al-Lateef

The All-Subtle

Meaning: He has knowledge of all things, subtle and hidden, and He shows His immense mercy to His slaves in very subtle ways known to no one but Him.

Occurrence: 7 times.

Evidence: "...And He is the All-Subtle, the All-Aware." (*Surat Al-An'aam, 6:103*)



Al-Hakeem
The All-Wise

Meaning: He has supreme wisdom in everything, in whatever He has decreed, in His legislation and reward and punishment on the Day of Judgement. He has given everything its perfect form and created everything in the best possible manner. He never creates anything in vain, nor does He legislate or judge in vain. He does things in His absolute wisdom.

Occurrence: 91 times.

Evidence: “And He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.” (*Surat Ibraaheem, 14:4*)

الوَاسِعُ

Al-Waasi'

The Boundless, the All-Embracing

Meaning: He embraces everything in mercy and knowledge, His sustenance reaches all His creation without exception and no one is capable of praising Him as much as He has praised Himself.

Occurrence: 9 times.

Evidence: “Allah is All-Embracing, All-Knowing.” (*Surat Al-Baqarah, 2:115*)

الْعَلِيمُ الْعَالِمُ عَلَامُ الْغُيُوبِ

Al-'Aleem, Al-'Aalim, 'Allaam-ul-Ghuyooob

The All-Knowing, the Omniscient, the
Knower of the Unseen

Meaning: He is the One whose knowledge is comprehensive and extends to everything seen and unseen, apparent and hidden. Nothing whatsoever is hidden from Him and He knows what was in the past, what is in the present, and will be in the future.

Occurrence: *Al-'Aleem*: 157 times; *Al-'Aalim*: 13 times and *'Allaam-ul – Ghuyoob*: 4 times.

Evidence: “Allah is All-Encompassing, All-Knowing.” (*Surat Al-Baqarah, 2:115*)

الْمَلِكُ الْمَلِكُ الْمَالِكُ

Al-Malik, Al-Maleek, Al-Maalik

The Sovereign, the King, the Possessor

Meaning: He is the One to whom belongs the absolute dominion of the heavens and the earth and everything in them. The entire universe is under His control. There is nothing above Him. He alone has true and supreme dominion and disposes of the entire universe in the manner He pleases. He is the owner of everything. The name *Al-Maleek* points to Allah's absolute and glorious sovereignty.

Occurrence: *Al-Malik*: 5 times; *Al-Maleek*: once; *Al-Maalik*: twice.

Evidence: "...The Sovereign Lord (*Al-Malik*) the Holy One..." (*Surat Al-Hashr*, 59:23); "Truly, the righteous will be among gardens and rivers, in a seat of honour in the presence of a Sovereign who is Perfect in Ability." (*Surat Al-Qamar*, 54:54 - 55); "Say, 'O Allah! Owner of Sovereignty!...' " (*Surat Aal-'Imraan*, 3:26)

الحَمِيدُ

Al-Hameed
The Praiseworthy

Meaning: He is worthy of all praise for all His actions, statements, attributes, names, legislation and decree. He is worthy of all praise under all circumstances, and He is worthy of all thanks and praise due to His perfect attributes and abundant kindness to His creation.

Occurrence: 17 times.

Evidence: “Surely, He is Praiseworthy, All-Glorious.” (*Surat Hud, 11:73*)

المجيد

Al-Majeed

The All-Glorious

Meaning: He has all perfect attributes and whatever is related to them. He is the Greatest and all His actions are great. His generosity is boundless, and everyone and everything glorify Him because of His greatness.

Occurrence: twice.

Evidence: “He is Praiseworthy, All-Glorious.” (*Surat Hud, 11:73*)

الحَبِيرُ

Al-Khabeer
The All-Aware

Meaning: He is fully aware of everything: apparent, hidden, all the secrets, and what is yet more hidden.

Occurrence: 45 times.

Evidence: “He said, ‘The All-Knowing and All-Aware informed me of it.’” (*Surat At-Tahreem, 66:3*)

القَوِيّ

Al-Qawiyy
The All-Strong

Meaning: He is the All-Powerful, to whom perfect power belongs. His commands are carried out, He is never overpowered, His decree cannot be averted and whatever He decrees certainly takes place. He gives assistance and support to the believers and severely punishes those who disbelieve His signs and arrogantly turn away from declaring His Oneness.

Occurrence: 9 times.

Evidence: "...He is the All-Strong, the All-Mighty." (*Surat Ash-Shooraa*, 42:19)

الْمَتِينُ

Al-Mateen
The Powerful

Meaning: He is the possessor of the ultimate strength and ability, and who endures neither hardship, nor weariness.

Occurrence: Once.

Evidence: “Truly, Allah is the Lord of power, the All-Strong.” (*Surat Adh-Dhaariyyaat, 51:58*)

الْعَزِيزُ

Al-'Azeez
The All-Mighty

Meaning: He is the All-Strong, All-Dominant who reigns supreme over His creatures. He has subjugated all His creatures, all of whom have humbled themselves before Him and have totally submitted to His authority.

Occurrence: 92 times.

Evidence: “...And know that *Allah* is All-Mighty, All-Wise.” (*Surat Al-Baqarah*, 2:260)

الْقَاهِرُ الْقَهَّارُ

Al-Qaahir, Al-Qahhaar
The All-Dominant, the Irresistible

Meaning: He is the One before whom everyone, including tyrants, is humbled. He is also the One who prevails over all His creation and to whom everyone and everything submits.

Occurrence: *Al-Qaahir*: twice; *Al-Qahhaar*: 6 times

Evidence: "...And He is the One, the All-Dominant." (*Surat Al-Ahzaab*, 13:16); "He is the Irresistible, [reigns Supreme] Above His servants." (*Surat Al-An'aam*, 6:61)

القَادِرُ الْقَادِيرُ الْمُقْتَدِرُ

Al-Qaadir, Al-Qadeer, Al-Muqtadir

The Able, the Ever Able, the
Perfect in Ability

Meaning: *Al-Qaadir* is the One who is able to do whatever He wills, nothing in the heavens or the earth escapes Him or frustrates His plan. *Al-Qadeer* (the Ever Able) is the One whose ability is complete and perfect. *Al-Muqtadir* (the Perfect in Ability) is an intensive form that stresses Allah's perfect ability.

Occurrence: *Al-Qaadir*: 12 times; *Al-Qadeer*: 45 times; *Al-Muqtadir*: 4 times

Evidence: "Say, 'He is able to send punishment upon you from above you or from beneath your feet.'" (*Surat Al-An'aam*, 6:65); "Indeed, the righteous will be among gardens and rivers, in a seat of honour in the presence of a Sovereign who is Perfect in Ability." (*Surat Al-Qamar*, 54:54 - 55); "Allah has power over all things." (*Surat Al-Baqarah*, 2:20)

الْجَبَّارُ

Al-Jabbaar
The Compeller

Meaning: He is the Most High, the Irresistible and the Sublime. Whatever He decrees will certainly come to pass without fail. He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds, and brings comfort to the weak and to those who turn to Him and seek His refuge.

Occurrence: Once.

Evidence: "...The Almighty, the Compeller, the Supremely Great..." (*Surat Al-Hashr, 59:23*)

الخالق الخلاق

Al-Khaaliq, Al-Khallaaq

The Creator, the All-Creator

Meaning: *Al-Khaaliq* is the One who creates things out of nothing and with no precedents. The name *Al-Khallaaq* is the intensive form of *Al-Khaaliq*, which indicates that He increases in creation what He pleases and in a perfect manner.

Occurrence: *Al-Khaaliq* 8 times; *Al-Khallaaq* 2 times.

Evidence: “He is Allah, the Creator, the Originator, the Fashioner...” (*Surat Al-Hashr, 59:24*); “Truly, your Lord is the Creator, the All-Knowing.” (*Surat Al-Hijr, 15:86*)

الْبَارِي

Al-Baari'
The Originator

Meaning: Allah causes things He has decreed to exist out of nothing and in a specific manner.

Occurrence: 3 times.

Evidence: “He is Allah, the Creator, the Originator, the Fashioner.” (*Surat Al-Hashr*, 59:24).

المصنور

Al-Musawwir
The Fashioner

Meaning: Allah brings into existence whatever He wills in the manner He wills it. He shapes and fashions His creatures in different forms and shapes in His infinite wisdom.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: “He is Allah, the Creator, the Originator, the Fashioner.” (*Surat Al-Hashr, 59:24*)



Al-Muhaymin
The Ever Watchful

Meaning: He is the One who watches over His creatures and is fully aware of all their actions, sustenance and the terms He has fixed for them in this life. He knows all their affairs, has power over all of them, has a record of everyone's deeds and is aware of them and encompasses them from all sides.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: "...The Source of Peace, the Granter of Security, the Ever Watchful..." (*Surat al-Hashr*, 59:23)

الحافظ الحفيظ

Al-Haafidh, Al-Hafeedh
The Protector, the Guardian

Meaning: He is the One who protects the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, records the deeds of His slaves and protects the believers from danger and Satan, and from committing sins.

Occurrence: *Al-Haafidh*: 3 times; *Al-Hafeedh*: 3 times.

Evidence: “Allah is the Best Guardian.” (*Surat Yusuf*: 12:64); “My Lord is guardian over all things.” (*Surat Hud*: 11:57)

الْوَلِيُّ الْمَوْلَى

Al-Waliyy, Al-Mawlaa
The Protector, the Guardian

Meaning: He is the guardian who manages everything and disposes of all affairs. Allah, Exalted be He, is the Master of all creation; that is, He is their Creator, Ruler and True God who alone deserves to be worshipped. He loves the believers and provides them with special help and support.

Occurrence: *Al-Waliyy*: 15 times; *Al-Mawlaa*: 12 times.

Evidence: "... Allah is your Protector—an excellent Protector and an excellent Helper!" (*Surat Al-Anfaal*, 8:40); "He is the Protector, the Praiseworthy." (*Surat Ash-Shooraa*, 42:28)

النَّصِيرُ خَيْرُ النَّاصِرِينَ ﷺ

An-Naseer, Khayr-un-Naasireen

The Helper, the Best of Helpers

Meaning: Allah grants victory to whomever of His believing servants He pleases; no one will overcome those Allah helps, nor will anyone be able to help those Allah forsakes.

Occurrence: *An-Naseer*: 4 times, *Khayr-un-Naasireen*: once.

Evidence: “Then know that Allah is your Protector—an excellent Protector and an excellent Helper!” (*Surat Al-Anfaal*: 8:40); “Nay, Allah is your Protector, and He is the best of helpers.” (*Surat Aal- ‘Imraam*: 3:150)

الوكيل الكفيل

Al-Wakeel, Al-Kafeel

The Disposer of Affairs, the Guarantor

Meaning: *Al-Wakeel* is the One who disposes of the affairs of all His creatures, the One who provides for them, grants their requests and fulfils their needs. He assists and protects those who seek His refuge, takes charge of His righteous servants' affairs by guiding them to all that is easy, keeping them away from all that causes them hardship and assists them in everything. *Al-Kafeel* means the witness, the guardian, the protector and the guarantor.

Occurrence: *Al-Wakeel*: 14 times; *Al-Kafeel*: once.

Evidence: "Enough is Allah as a disposer of affairs." (*Surat An-Nisaa'*, 4:81); "...you have made Allah your guarantor." (*Surat An-Nahl*, 16:91)

الكَافِي

Al-Kaafee

The All-Sufficient

Meaning: He is sufficient for all His creation. He sufficiently provides for His slaves, manages their affairs and sets right their condition. He is sufficient for His righteous servants, whom He cares for and grants assistance, support and victory.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: “Is Allah not sufficient for His servants?” (*Surat Az-Zumar, 39:36*)

الصَّمَدُ

As-Samad

The Eternal One

Meaning: He is the Master with absolute sovereignty to whom all His creatures turn for their needs and for whatever happens to them, and to whom all hearts turn, hoping for His mercy and fearing His punishment.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: “Allah, the Eternal (*As-Samad*).” (*Surat Al-Ikhlaas*, 112: 2)

الرَّازِقُ الرَّزَّاقُ

Ar-Raaziq, Ar-Razzaaq,
The Provider, the Sustainer

Meaning: He takes it upon Himself to provide sustenance to all His creatures without exception. He also takes it upon Himself to grant, with His immense mercy and grace, His righteous servants, special provision, namely, blessings of faith and lawful earnings. The word *Ar-Razzaaq* points to His abundant provision and plentiful sustenance.

Occurrence: *Ar-Raaziq*: 5 times; *Ar-Razzaaq*: once.

Evidence: “Provide for us; for You are the best of providers.” (*Surat Al-Maa'idah, 5:114*) “Allah is the great Sustainer, the Mighty One, the Invincible.” (*Surat Adh-Dhariyaat, 51:58*)

الْفَتْحُ

Al-Fattaah

The Superb Arbiter, the Opener

Meaning: He judges between His servants, opens the doors of sustenance and mercy for them, as well as the doors closed in their faces and thus makes things easy for them.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: “And He is the All-Knowing Superb Arbiter.” (*Surat Saba'*, 34:26)

المُبِينُ

Al-Mubeen

The Evident

Meaning: He is the One whose Oneness is evident with the proofs supporting it. He is the One who makes the truth evident to His slaves and conveys it to them.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: "...And they will realise that Allah is the [very] Truth, that makes all things manifest."

(Surat An-Noor, 24:25)

الهادي

Al-Haadee

The Guide

Meaning: He is the One who helps His creation to get to know Him as being their Lord and Creator, guides them to whatever is in their best interests and to earn their livelihoods. He shows people the path of good and the path of evil and guides to His Right Path whomever of them He wills.

Occurrence: twice.

Evidence: “Your Lord suffices as a guide and as a helper.” (*Surat Al-Furqaan, 25:31*)

الحكم خير الحاكمين

Al-Hakam, Khayr-ul-Haakimeen

The Judge, the Best of Judges

Meaning: He is the One who judges amongst His slaves, in this life and in the hereafter, with absolute fairness and equity, based on (1) His universal will, (2) His religious legislation and (3) His reward and punishment.

Occurrence: *Al-Hakam*: once; *Khayr-ul-Haakimeen*: 5 times.

Evidence: “Shall I then seek a judge other than Allah?” (*Surat An-An'aam*: 6:114); “...and He is the Best of Judges.” (*Surat Yoonus*, 10:109)

الرَّؤُوفُ

Ar-Ra'oof

The Most Compassionate

Meaning: He bestows mercy upon His servants and is compassionate towards them. The attribute of *ra'fah* (compassion), from which this name is derived, is the highest form of mercy (*rahmah*), and He bestows it upon all His creation in this world and upon some of them in the hereafter.

Occurrence: 10 times.

Evidence: “Allah is Most Compassionate and Most Merciful to mankind.” (*Surat Al-Baqarah*, 2:143)

الْوَدُودُ

Al-Wadood
The Most Loving

Meaning: Allah loves His prophets, messengers and obedient servants who also love him. He is the most beloved, who deserves to be loved with all our hearts and better than ourselves, better than our children, and better than everyone and everything else we love and cherish.

Occurrence: 2 times.

Evidence: “Surely, my Lord is Most Merciful, Most Loving.” (*Surat Hud, 11:90*)

الْبَرّ

Al-Barr

The Source of All Goodness

Meaning: Allah showers His apparent and hidden blessings upon His slaves. All His creation totally depends on Him at all times and cannot do without His absolute kindness. He multiplies the rewards of the righteous among the Muslims and forgives the wrongdoers among them, and His promise is true.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: “Truly, He is The Source of Goodness, The Compassionate.” (*Surat At-Tur*, 52:28)

الْحَلِيمُ

Al-Haleem
The All-Forbearing

Meaning: Allah is so patient and forbearing that He does not punish His slaves for any sin they commit; rather, He gives them the opportunity to make amends and turn to Him in repentance. He forgives them, in His infinite mercy, even though He can punish them for the sins they commit.

Occurrence: 11 times

Evidence: “Allah is Ever-Forgiving, All-Forbearing.” (*Surat Aal-'Imraan: 3:155*)

الْعَفُورُ الْغَفَّارُ الْذَنْبِ

Al-Ghafoor, Al-Ghaffaar, Ghaafir-udh-Dhanb

The Ever Forgiving, the Most Forgiving, the Forgiver of Sins

Meaning: He is the One who forgives sins and accepts the repentance of all those who turn to Him; He conceals the sins of His servants, shows never-ending compassion to them and lavishes kindness on them. The word *Al-Ghaffaar* points to His immense and constant forgiveness of sins.

Occurrence: *Al-Ghafoor*: 91 times; *Al-Ghafaar*: 5 times; *Ghaafir-udh-Dhanb*: once.

Evidence: “Allah is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.” (*Surat Ash-Shooraa* 42:5); “Is He not indeed the Almighty, the Endlessly Forgiving?” (*Surat Az-Zumar*, 39:5); “The Forgiver of sin, the Acceptor of repentance...” (*Surat Ghaafir*, 40:3)

الْعَفْوُ

Al-'Afuww

The Ever-Pardoning

Meaning: He forgives sins and overlooks the transgression of wrongdoers and gives general pardon that erases all sins committed by His servants, especially if they do something that is bound to bring about His forgiveness, such as sincerely declaring His Oneness, seeking His forgiveness, turning to Him in repentance and doing righteous deeds.

Occurrence: 5 times.

Evidence: “Allah is Ever-Pardoning, Ever-Forgiving.” (*Surat An-Nisaa'*, 4:43)

التَّوَابُ

At-Tawwaab

The Acceptor of Repentance

Meaning: He is the One who helps His slaves repent and submit completely to Him after turning to Him, and then He accepts their repentance and pardons their sins.

Occurrence: 11 times

Evidence: “Allah is Ever-Returning, Most Merciful.” (*Surat Al-Hujuraat, 49:12*)

الكَرِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ

Al-Kareem, Al-Akram

The Most Gracious, the Most Bountiful

Al-Kareem is the One who gives His slaves abundantly and benefits them immeasurably, the One who bestows blessings on His slaves even before they become deserving of them and the One who gives without measure and without being asked. *Al-Akram* is the Most Bountiful whose generosity is matchless.

Occurrence: *Al-Kareem*: 3 times; *Al-Akram*: once.

Evidence: “O mankind, what has deceived you concerning your Lord, the Most Gracious?”
(*Surat Al-Infitaar*, 82:6); “Read! And your Lord is the Most Bountiful.” (*Surat Al-‘Alaq*, 96:3)

الشَّاكِرُ الشَّكُورُ

Ash-Shaakir, Ash-Shakoor

The Thankful, the Grateful

Meaning: He frequently blesses and rewards His obedient servants abundantly and is pleased with little gratitude from His servants in return for His countless blessings.

Occurrence: *Ash-Shaakir*: twice; *Ash-Shakoor*: 4 times.

Evidence: “Allah is Grateful and Ever Forbearing.” (*Surat At-Taghaabun*, 64:17); “Surely, Allah is Thankful, All Knowing.” (*Surat al-Baqarah*, 2:158)

السميع

As-Samee'
The All-Hearing

Meaning: Allah hears and is aware of all secrets without exception. He hears everything people say and whatever His creation utters. Nothing is hidden from Him, and He is the All-Hearing who answers the prayer of those who pray to Him.

Occurrence: 45 times.

Evidence: “He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.” (*Surat Ash-Shooraa*, 42:11)

البَصِيرُ

Al-Baseer
The All-Seeing

Meaning: He is the One whose sight encompasses everything that is conceivable, hidden or apparent, no matter how hidden or small it may be.

Occurrence: 42 times.

Evidence: “Surely, He is aware of and sees His servants.” (*Surat Ash-Shoora*: 42:27)

الشَّهِيدُ

Ash-Shaheed
The Witness

Meaning: He is the One who is aware of everything and knows it in detail, the One from whom nothing the weight of an atom on earth or in heaven is hidden.

Occurrence: 18 times.

Evidence: “Allah is sufficient as a witness.” (*Surat An-Nisaa'*, 4:79)

الرَّقِيبُ

Ar-Raqeeb
The Ever Watchful

Meaning: He is the One whose hearing, seeing and knowledge encompass everything and the One from whom nothing is hidden.

Occurrence: 3 times.

Evidence: “Allah is ever Watchful over all things.” (*Surat Al-Ahzaab, 33:52*)

القَرِيبُ

Al-Qareeb

The One Who Is Ever Near

Meaning: He is close to everyone because of His immense knowledge and constant observation and awareness. He is also close to those of His slaves who worship Him, invoke Him and love Him, and He gives them the assistance and support they need and answers their prayers.

Occurrence: 3 times.

Evidence: “And when My servants ask you concerning Me, then surely I am very near; I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he calls on Me.” (*Surat Al-Baqarah*, 2:186)

المجيب

Al-Mujeeb
The Ever Responsive

Meaning: Allah favourably responds to the supplications and requests of His slaves. He answers their supplications and grants their requests.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: “Indeed, my Lord is Ever Near, ready to answer.” (*Surat Hud, 11:61*)

المحيط

Al-Muheet
The All-Encompassing

Meaning: He is the One from whom nothing is hidden. He encompasses everything with His knowledge and keeps strict count of all things.

Occurrence: 8 times.

Evidence: “...And Allah encompasses the unbelievers.” (*Surat Al-Baqarah, 2:19*)

الحَسِيبُ

Al-Haseeb
The Reckoner

Meaning: Allah is sufficient for those who rely on Him, is aware of His slaves and will take account of their actions and reward them or punish them accordingly in His immense wisdom and absolute knowledge. He is sufficient for the believers.

Occurrence: 3 times.

Evidence: “Allah is sufficient as a Reckoner.” (*Surat An-Nisaa’: 4:6*)

الغني

Al-Ghaniyy

The Self-Sufficient

Meaning: Allah is not in need of His creation. He does not stand in need of anyone at all, while His creation is in need of Him.

Occurrence: 18 times.

Evidence: “Glory be to Him! He is self-sufficient.” (*Surat Yoonus, 10:68*)

الْوَهَّابُ

Al-Wahhaab

The Ever Giving

Meaning: Allah is so generous that His immense generosity reaches all His slaves. He grants whatever he wills to whomever He wills. This includes guidance to His true religion, sustenance and cure from diseases.

Occurrence: 3 times.

Evidence: “Or do they possess the treasures of the mercy of your Lord, the All Mighty, the Ever Giving?” (*Surat Saad, 38:9*)

المُقِيتُ

Al-Muqeet

The Maintainer, the One who
has Power over Everything

Meaning: He has power over all things and is the One who provides sustenance. Allah decrees the needs of His creation, in His immense knowledge, and then provides them with whatever they need according to His will and thus preserves them with whatever He grants them.

Occurrence: once.

Evidence: “Allah has power over everything.” (*Surat An-Nisaa'*, 4:85)

الْقَابِضُ الْبَاسِطُ

Al-Qaabidh, Al-Baasit

The Withholder, the Expander

Meaning: The Withholder is the One who takes away souls, provision and whatever He pleases, and the Expander is the One who gives provision, mercy and whatever He wishes. He is also the One who stretches out His Hands so that the believers may repent and turn to Him. These two names are among those names of Allah which always come together, for absolute perfection is realised in their combination, and they cannot be used separately.

Occurrence: These names are not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*.

Evidence: The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "Allah is the one Who fixes prices and who withholds and gives abundantly." (Reported by At-Tirmidhee and Abu Daawood)

المُقَدِّمُ الْمُوَّخَّرُ

Al-Muqaddim, Al-Mu'akh-khir

The Advancer, the Delayer

Meaning: He places things where they should exactly belong. He advances and postpones whatever He pleases in His infinite wisdom and absolute justice. He decreed everything before He created the creation. He promotes whomever He wills to the higher positions of the righteous predecessors and delays and holds back whomever he wills, in His absolute wisdom and justice. No one can advance whatever He delays, nor delay whatever He advances.

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Occurrence: These names are not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*.

Evidence: The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "...You (i.e. Allah) are the Advancer and You are the Delayer..." (Reported by Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim)

الرَّفِيقُ

Ar-Rafeeq
The Most Gentle

Meaning: Allah is gentle in His actions, His legislation and His judgement. He created the creation and legislated laws in gradual stages with His immense wisdom and in such a way as to make these laws appropriate and simple for his servants. *Ar-Rafeeq* also means the One who treats His servants with kindness and leniency.

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Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*.

Evidence: The Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "Allah is gentle and loves those who are gentle. He gives for gentleness that which He does not give for harshness." (Reported by Ahmad)

الْمَنَّاانُ

Al-Mannaan

The Bestower

Meaning: He is the One who graciously gives favours and gifts even before He is asked. He is the One who shows kindness to His creation by bestowing His blessings upon them and providing them with everything they need. He also bestows His kindness on the righteous believers by guiding them, assisting them and granting them true faith.

Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*.

Evidence: The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "O Allah! I ask You by virtue of the fact that all praise is due to You; none has the right to be worshiped but You, the Bestower..." (Reported by At-Tirmidhee; Abu Daawood. Sheikh Al-Albaanee classified it as authentic '*saheeh*')

الْجَوَّادُ

Al-Jawwaad
The Most Generous

Meaning: He gives abundantly to all His creatures without exception and bestows on them His kindness and countless graces and blessings. He exclusively bestows on the righteous believers certain blessings in this life and in the hereafter.

Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*.

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Evidence: The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "Allah is Most Generous and He loves generosity." (Reported by At-Tirmidhee)

المحسِّن

Al-Muhsin

The Benefactor, the Doer of Good

Meaning: He provides whatever He has created with countless blessings and the One who has perfected, sustained, and guided everything He has created.

Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*.

Evidence: The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "...Allah is the Doer of Good and He loves [to see His slaves] do good." (At-Tabaraanee. Classified as *saheeh* 'authentic' by Sheikh Al-Albaanee)

السِّتِيرُ

As-Sitteer
The Concealer of Sins

Meaning: Allah always covers His slaves' faults and never exposes them. He also likes them to conceal their sins and avoid whatever is bound to dishonour them, being aware of His presence and showing Him the respect due to Him.

Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*. | 151

Evidence: The Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "Allah, Glorified and Sublime be He, is modest and concealing, and He loves modesty and concealment..." (Reported by At-Tirmidhee and Abu Daawood)

الدَّيَّانُ حَلَالَهُ

Ad-Dayyaan
The Supreme Judge

Meaning: He is the Irresistible and All-Powerful Judge and Ruler who rewards or punishes people according to their deeds.

Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*.

Evidence: The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "...Then He (Allah) will call out to them with a voice that those far off will hear just as those nearby will hear): I am the King. I am the Supreme Judge..." (Al-Haakim. *Sheikh Al-Albaanee* classified it as *hasan* 'good'.)

الشافعي

Ash-Shaafee

The Curer

Meaning: He is well aware of all physical and spiritual diseases as well as their remedy, and He is the only One who can heal them. There is no cure except His cure, and none can relieve suffering. His legislation is the panacea for all humanity's ills and the source of humanity's good and wellbeing.

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Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*.

Evidence: The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "Remove the disease, O Lord of mankind, and cure [him/her], for You are the Great Curer..." (Reported by Al-Bukhaaree)

السَّيِّدُ

As-Sayyid
The Master

Meaning: He is the Master of all creation and all creation without exception are His slaves who turn to none but Him and who act by His command.

Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*.

Evidence: The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "The Master is Allah."

(Reported by Ahmad and Abu Daawood: *Saheeh*)

الْوَيْلُ

Al-Witr

The One Who Has No Equal

Meaning: He is the One and Unique for whom there is no partner or equal.

Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*.

Evidence: The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "Surely, Allah is *Al-Witr* (i.e. One who has no equal), and He likes *Al-Witr* [prayer]." (Reported by Muslim)



Al-Hayyy
The All-Modest

Meaning: Modesty, as a divine attribute, is a perfect quality befitting none but Him and suits His majesty and greatness to the exclusion of all creation. This modesty is in no way similar to modesty displayed by any of His creatures, for it denotes His all-encompassing mercy, perfect grace and kindness, and great forgiveness and forbearance.

Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah* (tradition).

Evidence: The Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "Your Lord is modest and generous and would never turn the hands of someone without gain when he raises them to Him [in supplication]." (Reported by At-Tirmidhee and Abu Daawood)

الطيب

At-Tayyib

The Good and Pure One

Meaning: Allah is free of any imperfection. He is good and pure in His being, His actions, His names and His attributes. He loves those who are good and pure and accepts only that which is good and pure.

Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*. | 163

Evidence: The Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "O people! Allah is Pure and, therefore, accepts only that which is pure. ..." (Reported by Muslim)

المعطي

Al-Mu'tee
The Giver

Meaning: He is the real provider. No one can withhold what He gives, nor can anyone give what He withholds. There is no limit to what He gives, and whatever He gives reaches all His creation.

Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*. | 165

Evidence: The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "...Allah is the Giver and I am *Al-Qaasim* (i.e. the distributor) ..." (Reported by Al-Bukhaaree)

الجميل

Al-Jameel

The Beautiful

Meaning: He has the best and perfect qualities. He is Beautiful in His Being, and all His names, attributes and actions are also beautiful.

Occurrence: This name is not mentioned in the Holy Qur'an but rather in the Prophet's *Sunnah*.

Evidence: The Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "Allah is beautiful and loves beauty." (Reported by Muslim)

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